

## United States Senate

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Shara L. Aranoff  
Chairman  
United States International Trade Commission  
500 E Street, S.W.  
Washington, DC 20436

RE: Certain Coated Paper Suitable For High-Quality Print Graphics Using  
Sheet-Fed Presses From China and Indonesia Inv. Nos. 701-TA-471 and 731-  
TA-1169-1170 (Preliminary)

Dear Chairman Aranoff:

I am writing in support of the United States industry producing high-quality coated printing paper, in connection to antidumping and countervailing duty petitions filed by NewPage Corporation, Sappi Fine Paper North America, Appleton Coated, and the United Steelworkers of America (USW). I request that the International Trade Commission (ITC) carefully review the injuries suffered by American paper producers as a result of unfair trade practices by Chinese and Indonesian companies.

NewPage, Sappi, and other U.S. producers and their employees are at serious risk due to surging imports of low-priced coated printing paper from China and Indonesia. NewPage, a domestic producer of high quality coated printing paper, produces paper in nine U.S. paper mills. It has been forced to close plants in Maine and Wisconsin. Sappi, another producer, has announced the closure of a plant in Michigan. At the same time, China and Indonesia continue to increase imports in the face of depressed U.S. demand. Through June 2009, imports of coated printing paper from China and Indonesia surged 40 percent above 2008 levels, while U.S. producers' shipments plunged 38 percent in the same period.

NewPage's operations include the Luke mill located on the border of Maryland and West Virginia. The Luke mill, whose workers are represented by the USW, includes 480 West Virginians. These jobs are vital to the local rural economy of West Virginia. NewPage has been forced to take downtime at the mill for four consecutive quarters. In April of this year, one paper machine was shut down for two weeks. The entire mill was shut down for one week in both May and July.

Lost business and decreasing profits have forced workers to forgo pay and NewPage has had to increase downtime at other U.S. mills. The Luke mill had already lost more than 450 jobs over several years prior to 2009. In the current economic environment, we cannot continue to endure declining production and layoffs due to unfair imports.

It is my hope that the ITC, after careful examination, will find the requisite injury caused by these coated paper imports from both China and Indonesia. It is

critical that U.S. paper mills and their workers, including those in West Virginia, receive the relief they deserve.

Thank you for your attention to this matter. I ask that this letter be placed in the public record for these investigations.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Jay Rockefeller". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Jay" and the last name "Rockefeller" clearly distinguishable.

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